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TECHNICAL COOPERATION, INCLUDING RESOURCE MOBILIZATION, AND COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil and Morocco: revised draft resolution:

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Technical cooperation and advisory services in crime prevention and criminal justice

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 52/90 of 12 December 1997, on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity,

Stressing the direct relevance of crime prevention and criminal justice to sustained development, stability, improved quality of life, democracy and human rights, which is increasingly being recognized by United Nations entities, specialized agencies and other international organizations,

Aware of the continued increase in requests for technical assistance forwarded to the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat, by least developed countries, developing countries, countries with economies in transition and countries emerging from conflict,

Recalling the agreement entered into in August 1997 between the Centre and the United Nations Office for Project Services to cooperate closely in the execution and implementation of technical assistance projects in crime prevention and criminal justice,

Appreciating the funding provided by certain Member States in 1997 that has permitted the Centre to enhance its capacity to execute an increased number of projects,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 52/12 A and B of 12 November 1997 and 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform",

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General[1] on the technical cooperation activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat and in particular its success in focusing its technical cooperation activities in those subject areas specifically mandated by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

2. *Express its appreciation* to the Centre for International Crime Prevention for assisting Member States in achieving positive results in the improvement of their criminal justice systems by responding to the increasing requests for technical assistance, by implementing a number of important projects and by formulating new projects that urgently require new funding;

3. *Welcomes* the work done by the informal consultative group on resource mobilization in accordance with resolutions 5/3 of 31 May 1996[2] and 6/1 of 9 May 1997[3] of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

4. *Commends* the increased cooperation between the Centre for International Crime Prevention, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Office for Project Services and calls upon those entities, together with the World Bank and other international, regional and national funding agencies, to support technical cooperation activities complementary to existing bilateral programmes devoted to crime prevention and criminal justice as a means of guaranteeing effective and sustainable development, utilizing the expertise of the Centre;

5. *Welcomes* the close cooperation between the Centre for International Crime Prevention and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, particularly in the area of action against money-laundering and in the area of drugs and prisons, and calls upon the two entities to continue undertaking joint activities, particularly the elaboration and execution of technical cooperation projects;

6. *Expresses its concern* at the fact that lack of adequate resources may impede progress in the further operationalization of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and hamper the implementation of those projects that have so far been elaborated in response to urgent requests from countries in need;

7. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that contribute to the activities of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme by providing funding, the services of associate experts, consultants and experts for training purposes, advisory missions and the implementation of technical assistance projects, by developing training manuals and other material, by offering fellowship opportunities and by hosting action-oriented workshops and expert group meetings;

8. *Calls upon* potential donors and relevant funding agencies to make significant and regular financial and/or other contributions for the formulation, coordination and implementation of technical assistance projects elaborated within the framework of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and to strengthen the role of the Programme as facilitator of bilateral assistance in that area;

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[1] E/CN.15/1998/9.

[2] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1996, Supplement No. 10* (E/1996/30), chap. I, sect. D.

[3] Ibid., *1997, Supplement No. 10* (E/1997/30), chap. I, sect. D.

9. *Invites* developing countries and countries with economies in transition to include in their requests for assistance from the United Nations Development Programme, in particular as part of its country programme framework, projects and/or elements on crime prevention and criminal justice, with a view to strengthening national institutional capacity, professional expertise and continuing education in that field;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the plan for strategic management of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in accordance with Commission resolutions 1/1 of 29 April 1992[4] and 4/3 of 9 June 1995,[5] to further enhance the resources available within the existing overall budgetary framework of the United Nations for the activities of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, including travel funds for the mobilization of resources and special efforts for fund-raising;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention to enter into discussions with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme with a view to having the Centre for International Crime Prevention recognized as an executing agency;

12. *Calls upon* the Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention to consider enhancing the operational activities of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme by establishing a presence at the country or subregional level, jointly with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme where appropriate;

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[4]Ibid., *1992, Supplement No. 10* (E/1992/30), chap. I, sect. C.

[5]Ibid., *1995, Supplement No. 11* (E/1995/30), chap. I, sect. D.